



LAC LA BELLE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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Commissioners Meeting
THURSDAY, February 19, 2015 – 7:00 P.M.

Town of Oconomowoc Town Hall

6812 Brown Street
Oconomowoc, WI 53066

“The LLBMD seeks to promote environmentally conscious and fiscally responsible decisions by providing education, enhancing a healthy lake ecosystem and ensuring safe use of Lac LaBelle for today and tomorrow.”

Minutes

1. Call to Order

D. Bauer called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

2. Roll Call of Commissioners

Present

Dan Bauer
Paul Carpenter (arrived 7:08 P.M.)
Terry Largent
Lou Morgan (arrived 7:07 P.M.)
Ryan Myhre
Dave Zimmermann

Absent

Karen Carr

Also Present

Ben Heussner, Wisconsin DNR Fisheries

3. Comments from the Floor

There were no citizens present wishing to speak.

4. Correspondence

Emails

Various emails from Kathy Buss, City of Oconomowoc regarding Lake Level Reports (10/24, 11/18, 11/25, 12/10, 12/19, 1/7, 1/20, 1/27, 2/4 & 2/10)

October 17, 2014 – Lisa Conley re: Leaf Management

November 4, 2014 – Phone call from USDA re: 2014 Goose Round-Up

November 18, 2014 – elake Newsletter for November 2014, The New Crew!
December 9, 2014 – Mark Mickelson re: LLB Golf Course Stream – Final Report
January 22, 2015 – Ben Heussner re: Beaver Management on LLB
January 22, 2015 – Lisa Conley re: WOW Blog - Using Social Science to Promote
Healthy Lakes in WI
January 28, 2015 – Amy Barrows re: Compliance Letter
February 9, 2015 – eLake Newsletter for February 9, 2015, An Impactful Budget
February 11, 2015 – Mike Jones re: 2015 Goose Round-Up
February 13, 2015 – Jeff Stelzer re: Starry Stonewort Found in Wisconsin Lake!

R. Myhre explained John Evans, Village of Lac La Belle resident, contacted him regarding the levy amount shown on property tax billing.

5. Approval of October 16, 2014 Meeting Minutes

D. Zimmermann moved to approve the minutes from the October 16, 2014 Commissioners meeting as presented. R. Myhre seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

6. Treasurer's Report

R. Myhre explained accounts were being established at Ixonia Bank as discussed at the last Commissioners meeting. More information would be available at the next meeting.

P. Carpenter moved to approve the Treasurer's Reports as presented. L. Morgan seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

7. Payment Authorizations

L. Morgan moved to approve the payment authorizations as presented. T. Largent seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

8. Update on Lac La Belle Activities – Ben Heussner, WDNR

Ben Heussner, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Fisheries Biologist, provided information to Commissioners regarding proposed fishing regulation changes being considered for Lac La Belle at the upcoming Conservation Congress held at WCTC on April 13, 2015. Consideration would be given to proposed regulations including a walleye limit of 28 inches minimum and a daily bag limit of one. This was being suggested for approval by DNR staff in order to maximize the fishery. Monitoring took

place on Lac La Belle last fall. Lac La Belle was used as a reference site for Waukesha County for natural walleye reproduction. Information collected assisted in determining whether stocking of young walleye would be needed throughout the system. Walleye typically matured at four years of age and many fish were lost in the monitoring at the age of seven or eight. A 28 inch walleye could be 15-20 years old. Growth rates for the current population were above the state average as there was plenty of forage for the walleye. There were currently too many females being harvested as males did not grow as quickly. New regulations for Northern Pike were also being proposed including a minimum length of 32 inches and a daily bag limit of one. This was being suggested to maximize the abundance and structures of life in the lake system. B. Heussner also noted Muskie stocking had taken place on Lac La Belle last year as well. Discussion ensued regarding enforcement, balancing limitations with recreational fishing opportunities, public feedback received by the DNR, and the process of approval for proposed regulations.

9. Update on DNR Commercial Fisherman Activity on Lac La Belle

B. Heussner explained Jeff Riedemann, Commercial fisherman, had harvested roughfish from Lac La Belle twice in 2014. The first time was in April with removal of approximately 28,000 pounds and in October, he reported a catch of 8,400 pounds. There were many small buffalo carp in the system. His contract had been reinstated by the DNR for 2015 as well. The fish were used for rendering or as live haul to various fish markets throughout the country.

10. Update on Beaver Management on Lac La Belle

B. Heussner explained the process used to remove beaver dams from Rosenow Creek. Because there was no flooding currently occurring, trapping could take place prior to removal. DNR staff would continue to monitor the situation on Rosenow Creek.

11. Update on Cooperative Streambank Restoration Project – Golf Course Stream

There was nothing to report on this item.

12. Update on Navigational Buoys on Lac La Belle & Buoy Reimbursement Grant

L. Morgan continued to work on the navigational buoy reimbursement grant. More information would be available at the next Commission meeting.

13. Update on Lac La Belle Buoy Placement Maps

Lac La Belle buoy placement maps were shared with the Commission and provided for

distribution.

14. Discussion on 2015 Goals & Work Plan Including SEWRPC Water Quality Management Plan for Lac La Belle

Commissioners discussed goals and a potential work plan for 2015. Discussion took place regarding the appropriate timeline to begin work on a lake study for Lac La Belle in conjunction with Southeastern Regional Plan Commission Senior Specialist/Biologist Beverly Saunders. Commissioners opted to review the SEWRPC Publication No. 42, "Water Quality Management Plan for Lac La Belle" to gain understanding of the physiology of the lake and its needs this year prior to initiating a study.

15. Update on 2014 Shoreland Restoration Program

K. Carr reported via email that the 2014 Shoreland Restoration Program would be completed in the spring of 2015. Planting at the Funke residence on Lake Road was delayed to spring 2015 due to constraints with getting mulch to the site.

16. Discuss & Act on 2015 Shoreland Restoration Program

Commissioners discussed whether a shoreland restoration program could take place in 2015. Funds were available in the 2015 budget for at least two projects with the possibility of three depending upon project cost.

L. Morgan moved to approve up to three projects, at a cost not to exceed \$2,000 per project, for 2015. R. Myhre seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

17. Discuss & Act on Spring 2015 Newsletter

Commissioners discussed potential topics for inclusion in the 2015 Spring LLBMD newsletter.

R. Myhre moved to proceed with the 2015 Spring LLBMD newsletter and to direct Accurate Business Communications, Inc., to author the newsletter. P. Carpenter seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

18. Discuss & Act on 2015 Goose Round-Up

Discussion ensued regarding the possibility of a Goose Round-Up in 2015 on Lac La Belle. Clarification was requested regarding the City of Oconomowoc's participation in

the same event on Fowler Lake. Additional discussion was required and would take place at the next Commission meeting.

19. Discuss & Act on Attending Wisconsin Lakes Convention April 23-25, 2015 – Stevens Point, WI

P. Carpenter encouraged current Commissioners to attend the Wisconsin Lakes Convention to be held April 23-25, 2015 in Stevens Point. Anyone interested in attending should contact LLBMD Commissioners.

20. Discuss & Act on Participation in 2015 Lake Country Clean Water Festival

Discussion took place regarding the 2015 Lake Country Clean Water Festival and its related affiliation with the Clean Water Association. Consensus was indicated by the Commission to attend the 2015 Lake Country Clean Water Festival individually on a volunteer basis.

21. Update on LLBMD Website

- a. Topics for the Website
 - Link to the DNR Conservation Congress

22. Set Next Meeting Date

The next meeting of the Lac La Belle Management District was scheduled for March 19, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. at the Town of Oconomowoc Town Hall.

23. Agenda Items for Next Commissioners Meeting

- Update on Goose Roundup
- Update on Spring 2015 Newsletter update
- Update on Navigational Buoys on Lac La Belle & Buoy Reimbursement Grant
- Update on 2014 & 2015 Shoreland Restoration programs
- Discussion on SEWRPC Water Quality Management Plan for Lac La Belle

24. Adjournment

D. Zimmermann moved to adjourn from the February 19, 2015 LLBMD Commissioners meeting. P. Carpenter seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:43 P.M.

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Minutes prepared by:

Accurate Business Communications, Inc.